

## Fine Programs At Knox United

A series of fine programs marked the advent season in Knox Church. A very splendid musical program was presented on December 15th by the Olds Junior Choir, under the leadership of Mrs. Oke, with Mrs. Turpie at the piano. Mr. Ron Newsum was chairman.

The choral numbers, solos and instrumental numbers were all of a very high degree of excellence. The attendance, unfortunately, was very small. Perhaps the week was for some "just too busy," but if the group should ever return here again they deserve and merit a much larger attendance.

The Christmas "Birthday Party for Jesus" was well attended by the Junior members of the Sunday school. Mrs. McFarquhar and her staff had prepared a fine program and a good lunch. Little booklets rather than candy bags were given as gifts, and these are in harmony with the true meaning of Christmas.

The senior division of the Sunday school had prepared a concert for Friday night. A series of three plays was given by various classes in the Sunday school. A feature of the evening was a series of carols, which were introduced following an outline of Christmas customs of which they are a part. Perhaps the one of special interest was one from France. Mrs. R. E. McKenzie was reader-translator.

Songs were in French. Chairman for the evening was Wm. Blore, superintendent of the Sunday school and the program was under the direction of the various teachers. The program committee was Mrs. McKay, Mrs. Allan and Mrs. Banta.

The senior choir on Sunday evening sang a number of the lovely Christmas carols so appropriate for the season. Solos and duets added additional beauty and variety to the service.

The first Christmas church worship service in many years was held at Zella. Junior members of the congregation read the Scripture and gave choral numbers (a medley of carols), recitations and duets. Mr. Arthur Worthington sang a solo.

This coming Sunday will be marked by services in harmony with Christmas. The Junior choir, under the direction of Miss Carol Owens, will be in attendance at Knox. The service at Westcott will recount the Christmas story of the Messiah, as recorded in Scripture and songs.

## MELVIN NOTES

(From Our Own Correspondent)

Mr. and Mrs. Walton Youngs of Edmonton visited with the former's mother and brother Sunday.

Donnie Krebs left Monday to spend Christmas at the home of his sister at Port St. John.

Mr. and Mrs. Allan Krebs and family of Red Deer spent the weekend at the home of the former's parents. Besides Mr. and Mrs. Allan Krebs and family, Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Krebs were Mr. and Mrs. Lester Krebs and family, Mrs. J. Cowitz and Mrs. Esther Weidner.

Mrs. A. E. Krebs leaves this week to spend Christmas with her daughter in Washington.

A group of Melvin W.I. members enjoyed a theatre party on Saturday afternoon.

Don't forget the New Year's Eve dance.

## WESTERDALE NEWS

(From Our Own Correspondent)

David Jorgenson of Blackie, who is attending the O.S.A., was a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. Jackson a week ago Sunday.

Mr. Ken Tarrant and Mr. C. Tarrant motored up from Calgary last Friday to visit at the home of their sister, Mrs. H. Jackson.

Mr. Bill Wisley of Drumheller visited over the weekend at the homes of Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Jackson and Mr. and Mrs. W. Wisley.

A New Year's Eve dance will be held at the hall with Merry-makers orchestra in attendance.

Unusual mild weather for this time of year prevails, with the mercury rising to 50 above on Sunday.

Miss Oreta Kershaw of Innisfail visited at her home here for a few days last week.

## C.P.R. TRAIN TIMES AT DIDSBURY

Northbound:	
No. 521 Daily	1:13 a.m.
No. 527 Daily	10:22 a.m.
No. 525 Daily (Dayliner)	7:28 p.m.
Southbound:	
No. 522 Daily	5:00 a.m.
No. 524 Daily (Dayliner)	11:10 a.m.
No. 526 Daily	6:10 p.m.



### To The Children

### Their Gloried Dream

Who Could Wish For More?

## December Meeting Of Bancroft W.I.

The December meeting of Bancroft W.I. was held at the home of Mrs. Paul Hauser, with nine members and six visitors in attendance.

"Silent Night" was sung, followed by repeating the creed. Roll call was answered with a wash cloth. The holiday coin cards were turned in and \$5.00 was donated to the A.W.I. fund. The spoons donated by Mac's Hardware were drawn for and the winners were Mrs. Paul Hauser, Mrs. Jim McCulloch, Mrs. Alex Stewart and Mrs. Gordon Hoskin.

New officers for the coming year are Mrs. Edwin Ohlhausen, president; Mrs. Ray Good, vice-president; Mrs. Gordon Hoskin, treasurer; Mrs. Harold Swanson, secretary; lunch committee, Mrs. R. Good and Mrs. E. Ohlhausen; program committee, Mrs. J. McCulloch, Mrs. R. Fisher and Mrs. H. Swanson; sick convener, Mrs. J. McCulloch; auditors, Mrs. Allen Marsh and Mrs. Gordon Marsh. Four new members were welcomed.

Mrs. H. Richardson, Mrs. E. Richardson, Mrs. H. Pross and Mrs. E. Hunter.

The tea prize was won by Mrs. R. Good, following which members and visitors gathered around a Christmas pie and drew out a gift.

## Ramblers To Play Three Fixtures During Holidays

### BADMINTON CLUB INVITES MEMBERSHIP

An invitation is extended to all who are interested in joining the Didsbury Badminton Club. Games are played Tuesday and Thursday from 8 to 10:30 p.m. in the high school auditorium, from now till the end of March.

Inter-town competition is expected to begin in the new year against both Carstairs and Olds clubs.

Fees have been set for the current year as follows: married men, \$10 single women, \$7.50; shuttle couple, \$15.00.

Anyone interested is asked to contact Don Newton at the Royal Bank or Art Reiber.

## BIRTHS AT THE DIDSBURY MUNICIPAL HOSPITAL

To Mr. and Mrs. H. Neufeld of Didsbury, on December 16, a daughter.

To Mr. and Mrs. P. Colvin of Water Valley, on December 19, a daughter.

To Mr. and Mrs. H. Bellamy of Cremona, on December 20, a son.

## South West Didsbury

(From Our Own Correspondent)

Mr. and Mrs. C. Meyer, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Bartz, were Calgary visitors Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ken Wood and Mrs. J. Clark of Calgary were Saturday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. Hunsperger and family.

Mrs. P. Tattenstone and Mrs. Mary Page were Saturday afternoon visitors of Mrs. D. B. Wood at the Hunsperger home.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Hipkin entertained at a birthday dinner on Saturday in honor of Miss Pat Hipkin.

Guests were, Miss Ruby Danforth, Miss Gloria Schumaker, Mr. Ray Stauffer, Mr. Don Reimer and Mr. Leslie Schumaker.

Your correspondent takes this opportunity to wish the editor and staff and all readers of this column a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

Didsbury Ramblers will play a few games before the next issue of our paper appears and we hope and trust they will come up with a win during that period. Lack of ice in the local arena and the fact that new players have yet to be used to each other have been big factors in the locals' winless streak. However at this time last year we were still seeking our first win. Later in the season the club came on very well.

Thursday night Ramblers play in Red Deer against the Monarchs, Boxing Day, Monday, Dec. 27, they will visit Olds for a tussle with Elks at 2 p.m. in the afternoon and on New Year's Day, Jan. 1 unless ice is available here they will again meet the Elks on Olds ice, at the same time, 2:00 p.m.

## Co-Terminus Boundaries To Be Effective January 1, 1955

### STORES OPEN DEC. 22; CLOSED DECEMBER 27

A belated report given us brings the information that most places of business in Didsbury will remain open all day Wednesday, Dec. 22 and stay closed on Monday, December 27. So those of you who may not have enough turkey, bread or any of the other essentials left over should make plans to do your shopping before closing time Friday. It's a long drive home on Tuesday morning.

As we reported before, there will be no issue of The Pioneer on Wednesday, December 29.

## EAST NOTES

(From Our Own Correspondent)

Mr. Pete Neufeld, his brothers and sisters, and Mr. Corrie Neufeld, motored to Dawson Creek last Saturday to attend the funeral of their father and brother.

Les Schumaker, Pat Hipkin, Ken Holmes and Bev Scotte of Olds, and Mrs. Neufeld, were Sunday supper guests with Mr. and Mrs. Schumaker. Afternoon callers were Mr. Walter McCulloch and Leonard, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Schumaker and evening callers were Mr. and Mrs. T. Marsh and family, Norman and Phillip Neufeld.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Sheila were Friday evening callers on Mr. and Mrs. Alfie Thompson.

Mr. and Mrs. Schumaker were Saturday evening callers on Mr. and Mrs. Alfie Thompson and Beverly.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfie Thompson were business visitors in Calgary Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Schumaker, Gloria and Pat Hipkin motored to Calgary Thursday evening, Gloria had to return to the Ardmore orchard.

They will plan to play in the Oddfellows hall New Year's Eve.

Jessie Schumaker spent Thursday with her mother in town.

## LADIES' CURLING CLUB HOLDS ANNUAL MEETING

At the annual meeting of the Ladies' Curling Club the following were elected to office: Mrs. Marvill McCoy, president; Mrs. Bruce Sheila, vice-president; and Mrs. Cecil Shields, secretary-treasurer.

The committees are to be formed when membership is completed.

Any four curlers will be allowed to form their own ranks or anyone wishing to curl are asked to notify the secretary, phone 49, before Jan. 1. The fee is \$5.00 per member; this fee is set by the men's club.

The date set for the bonspiel is January 28 and 29. So get your brooms out ladies and pray for ice.

A \$200 cheque was given to the men's club to help pay for shingles.

A communion was sponsored to further this fund and all those who contributed are thanked by the club.

## BERGEN NOTES

(From Our Own Correspondent)

Mr. and Mrs. Royal Cook left by plane from Calgary on Tuesday to spend the Christmas holidays in Ontario. It is reported the plane they took made a crash landing the following day.

Christmas came early for Mr. and Mrs. Joe Kyncl, who were presented with a baby daughter Dec. 13, a sister for their five boys.

A benefit dance was held in the Bergen hall for many evenings for a local veteran who is in hospital.

The Sundre Hardware, at the old building in the village, was destroyed by a fire which was noticed about 8 p.m. Monday evening. The flames apparently started in an oil floor furnace. The proprietor, Mr. Bob Rankin is reported to have received some bad burns. Gordon Scott of Bonanza was also treated for burns about the face.

The building was the first and only general store in Sundre for many years and also housed the post office. It was owned for many years by the late N. T. Hagen, later went under the name Red and White and a few years ago was converted to a hardware store.

Bob Rankin, formerly with Builders in Olds, took over from Alf Thomas several years ago.

The United Missionary Church held their annual Christmas program on Sunday evening with a capacity crowd in attendance. The program was enjoyed from the tiny tots' recitations and songs to the young peo-

The December meeting of the board of Olds School Division No. 31 was held in the divisional office here on Tuesday, December 14.

The new co-terminus boundary question was discussed and it was decided to approve the changes as recommended by the Department of Education. These changes are to become effective January 1, 1955, at which time the school division boundaries and those of the Municipal District of Mountain View, will coincide.

The board wishes to advise that the negotiations between the school division and the Alberta Teachers' Association have been satisfactorily concluded and that salaries are now established for the year 1954-55.

The board also wishes at this time to express their appreciation for the wonderful co-operation given, and the interest shown by the public, at the recent school openings. It is the belief of the board that possibly the largest crowds ever to attend school openings in Alberta were present on these occasions.

All new schools in the division have been opened, with the exception of Carstairs and Midway. It is fairly definite these openings will take place on January 21st, and it is hoped the same enthusiasm and interest will be shown at this time.

## Old Timer Passes Away In B.C.

Mr. Pete Neufeld of Progress, B.C., passed away at Dawson Creek hospital on Thursday, Dec. 16. Mr. Neufeld was born in Stanchich, Man., moving to the Didsbury-Kennebec district in 1903, where he took up a homestead which he farmed until the fall of 1931, when he moved to Progress, B.C.

He is survived by his wife Elizabeth, six sons, Peter and Jake of Didsbury, Abe, Henry, John and David, four daughters, Katherine, Marie, Elizabeth and Susan, 29 grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren, as well as five brothers and two sisters.

Funeral services took place at Dawson Creek at 2 p.m. Monday, Dec. 20.

## WESTCOTT NEWS

(From Our Own Correspondent)

Miss Margaret Robertson arrived home at the weekend for the holidays. She is a student at the University of Alberta.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Baudeiste and family spent Sunday in Calgary with relatives.

Mrs. J. Bommer and son Fred of Calgary spent a few days visiting with their relatives here last week.

Mr. Linden Jacobsen and Mr. Max Kocchin returned on the weekend from a hunting trip into the west. No luck!

Mr. John Jacobsen is progressing nicely in hospital and hopes to return home soon.

Our very beautiful weather continues and makes for ideal conditions to do the many tasks which Christmas always brings. We might add that Westcott Christmas concert is slated for the 22nd in the evening, not the 23rd, as we had stated before.

This correspondent wishes to take this means of wishing all the editor and his staff and all the good readers of our local paper, a Very Merry Christmas.

## AFTERNOON GROUP DECEMBER MEETING

Mrs. Ed Blain was hostess to the members of the Afternoon Group of Knox United Church for its December meeting.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Mrs. F. W. Leeson, honorary president; Mrs. L. Roach, president; Mrs. R. Gilbride, vice-president; Mrs. E. Rasmussen, vice-president; secretary, Mrs. C. P. Nicholl; assistant secretary, Mrs. C. Thompson; treasurer, Mrs. P. Stevens.

ple's candle light drill. The children all received treats.

A mosquito was seen and heard flitting about the ear of a local citizen. Quite unusual for Dec. 20, is it not?

## DIDSBURY MARKETS BUTTERFAT

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### The Real Meaning Of Christmas

Soon it will be Christmas. In millions of homes across the country families and kinsmen will sit down together, eat a little more than is good for them and make merry. There will be a slight, round rising of the temperature of human kindness.

What does it all mean? For a minority, Christmas is a religious commemoration, the highlight of the Christian year. For a majority, it is merely a feast and a holiday, and is kept by them because their fathers kept it, because their earliest memories of celebration and family reunion go back to Christmas Day.

The "Christian myth" that is how "clever" men refer to the body of Christ, believed out of which the Christmas feast rises. But before we dismiss the "myth" there are certain historical facts which we should do well to remember.

The First is that on a specific day there was born in a manger of a poor inn in Judea a child called Jesus. He was not a prince or a statesman or a warrior. He was not a member of a conquering race; He wrote no book, raised no artistic monument. His years on earth were few and lived out in a poor, obscure, conquered province. He was regarded by cultivated and educated contemporaries as a person of no consequence. As a matter of prosaic history, it is to celebrate this Man's birth that we sit down to eat roast turkey and plum pudding. It is a right, might think, much explanation.

The theological interpretation put by churches and scholars on Christ's reported words has varied in all ages and varies to this day. What these never has been any doubt about is that those who knew Christ best during His life, and particularly after His terrible and agonizing death, became convinced that He was and knew Himself to be more than man. He believed He was the Son of God, and He succeeded, in the teeth of every opposition, ridicule and persecution, in communicating that belief to others.

What Jesus did caused men to worship what He was. For what He did create in those who were witnesses of it — and in those who came to learn of it only by hearsay — a conviction of what He was. The conviction was so intense that they regarded His existence on earth as infinitely the most important thing that had ever happened. Not only did they try to alter their own lives to live, however unsuccessfully, as He had lived — but in many cases they deliberately elected to die as He had died. This is not a myth; it is a fully documented history. It happened and nothing can alter the fact.

For this wonderful Man, whom those of us who call ourselves Christians believe to have been more than man, possessed an attribute which we know of our own experience to be utterly beyond the capacity of human nature. He possessed an infinite capacity for love that enabled Him to regard and treat every other being's personality, need and suffering, though they were His own. He did not love only individually and spasmodically as all human beings at times do, even the worst and most selfish. He loved so much that all human suffering and need mattered to Him.

Moral perfection is incompatible with human nature.

For if a perfect man existed in a world such as ours, he would die of horror and compassion at the terrible things that happen in it every second. However tender and loving, however shaken and moved by the sufferings and tragedies that affect them personally, men and women instinctively close their hearts to other tragedies every whit as great as their own and those immediately around them. A perfect being would not shut his heart in self protection. He would not suffer with others and give himself unceasingly to relieve and succor them.

The whole meaning of Christmas, the miracle of Christ's birth — and death — is that once and once only in human history was there such a being. He so loved His fellow men that His whole life was dedicated without the least alloy of self to the relief and service of all those who stood in need of them.

**Two Simple Rules**  
He left us two commandments: that we should love God — whose nature He revealed to us by His own — with all our being; and that we should love our neighbor as ourselves. However far we are from fulfilling either, we all of us, as a result of Christ's life come at Christmas for a moment a little nearer to both.

Order your Counter Check Books from The Pioneer Office, Buy at home — You pay no more than the standard price.

For those of you who may be visiting Calgary between now and the first of the year, you would really enjoy the Christmas display in the gardens of the Calgary Brewing Co. Ltd. yards. Each year at this season this display draws many thousands of visitors and reports now indicate that the new edition could more than compare with anything of its kind in the dominion.

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### TOWN OF DIDSBURY TAX SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that under the provisions of the Tax Recovery Act, the Town of Didsbury will offer for sale by public auction in the Town Office, Didsbury, on Tuesday, December 26th, 1954, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, the following lands:

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Each parcel will be offered for sale subject to the approval of the Minister of Municipal Affairs, and subject to a reserve bid, and to the reservations contained in the existing certificates of title.

Terms cash.  
Redemption may be effected by payment of all arrears of taxes and costs at any time prior to the date of the sale.

DATED at Didsbury this 20th day of October, 1954.

P. L. EVANS,  
Secretary-Treasurer

### CARD OF THANKS

Dr. McKenzie would like to thank his patients who sent him Christmas greetings and wishes them all a Happy Christmas and New Year. c

### CARD OF THANKS

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who subscribed to the Calgary Herald on my route and enabled me to win the new bicycle which was presented to me by The Herald through their representative, Mr. Charles Mortimer of Red Deer. c

DENNIS INGOLIS

### CARD OF THANKS

I wish to thank Drs. McKenzie, Paul and Leacock, the matron and staff for their kindness and care while a patient in the Didsbury hospital. Also thanks to my many friends for their expressions of good wishes. p

MRS. JOHN MCLOY

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FOR SALE — Frame building, approximately 12 by 16, presently located at the farm of A. Smith, Netoon, NWJ Section 34, Twp. 23, R. 1, W. 5th Mer. Submit offers to Municipal Office, Didsbury, Alberta. 49-3c

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FOR RENT — Frame building, 4' by 25', main street, Didsbury. Light, water and sewer. Apply A. J. Schumacher, Calgary, Alberta, phone 21717 or 21975. 31-tfn

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### Christmas Greetings

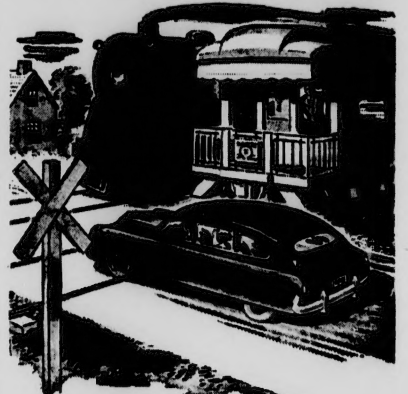
Just a thought this Christmas Day, Just a greeting sent your way.

With a message to express,  
A wish for joy and happiness,  
A wish for luck and lasting cheer,  
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(from the writings of Edgar A. Guest)

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enjoy all-round view of passing scenery. A third section of these new Budd stainless steel streamlined cars contains 26 coach seats equipped with full length leg rests and reclining backs for long distance travellers. The 18 cars in coach-dome-coffee shop series are colorfully decorated

with curved linoleum panels of provincial legislatures and coats of arms. In addition to the coffee shops which serve meals and snacks throughout the day and evening, the new C.P.R. trains will be equipped with ultra-modern dining room cars which will be delivered next spring.

## Don't take that crossing Blindfolded!



## The Coyote Holiday Is Over

The article published in The Innisfail Province of three weeks ago to-day which gave the highlights of an article from a recent issue of the Toronto Star and written by Mr. H. M. Haliday, has prompted me to put the case of the coyote in its rightful place. Before I start tearing up Mr. Haliday's argument for the coyote, I would remind the readers that I have before me a stack of reports from biologists both of the prairie provinces and the U. S. This information is some of the latest finds along the lines of predator control.

The Haliday article states that since the all out poisoning of coyotes by the use of 1080 or "Sodium Fluoracetate," that the rodents have increased to a point where the very land is eroding, and the mice are killing shrubs and eating some 8 to 10 bushels of grain per acre. The facts and figures are there, but the facts and figures are these too from the "Wild Life Service of Colorado," from where the Haliday article was born. It reports: 100 percent increase in bob cats, 60 percent increase in skunks, 96 percent increase in badgers and 500 percent increase in raccoons. While the coyote population decreased 76 percent as a result of 1080 poisoned over a ten year period, and over the period 1930-1940, the coyote population decreased 76 percent. The coyote, biologists report, is the only animal that has increased in an agricultural district whatsoever. In carefully controlled experiments carried out in Saskatchewan, U. S., and in California where the coyote was as nearly as possible exterminated, no increase could be detected in the mouse or rodent population. These States and Provinces all used 1080 poison for coyote control.

The Haliday article also states that two years ago the mice of the province were about the same as they were in 1952, a direct result of hunting out of the coyote there.

The facts are these, that at that time we had such an infestation of mice in Alberta, we also had possibly the largest numbers of coyotes also. The epidemic of rabies which followed shortly after, was a direct result of an over population of coyotes and other predators in Alberta.

The article also states a group of American cattle men have set up a protected area for the coyotes because they believe the little prairie dog helps to keep nature at a balance. The facts are that the coyote along with other predators have so unbalanced nature already that we have comparatively few upland game birds left in this part of the province, "extinct in some areas" and also absolutely no hunting of deer or moose or antelope in Alberta to-day. Why? Some figures from the Alberta Central Rabies Control Commission should give us the answer. Since November 1952, just two years ago, some 125,000 coyotes have been killed under the Rabies control program, also 5,000 wolves and 54,000 foxes, not to mention thousands of other meat eating animals and still only 2 wolverines and 4 badgers were killed through the poison program. Would it surprise you to know that these coyotes and wolves in one year would kill or destroy as much wild game in Alberta as all

the hunters would in ten years. The Haliday article again states 1080 to be a chain killer up to 9 times. The facts are 1080 used as a predator control measure and in the strength lethal to a coyote has no chain reaction whatsoever. 1080 is a poison for coyotes control has been proven by Saskatchewan where the deer population increased from 43 per cent to 86 percent, the antelope increased from 20 percent to 91 percent, clearly showing what effect the coyote has on our wild game. In Alberta the sheep population on farms has risen 10 percent in Central Alberta and 25 percent in northern areas, already since some coyote control has been used.

Other facts reported by Alberta Department of Agriculture are that in 1954 there are 49 cases of rabies already, clearly pointing out that we still have more coyotes and predators than we can afford to support. The Department reports the coyote to be the main carrier transmitting the disease to dogs, cats and other domestic animals, fortunately very few people have been bitten by these rabid animals. The rabies committee which are most active in the northern part of the province emphasize 3 main points for public protection.

(1) Report to a medical doctor or public health nurse any bites to humans or contact with suspected rabid animals. (2) Report suspected cases to R.C.M.P., Veterinarian District Agriculturalists, Medical Officer or Forest Ranger. (3) And finally to renew efforts to kill coyotes whenever possible, as coyotes have accounted for the most number of cases in Alberta this year.

In Southern Alberta the Department of Agriculture has used 1080 quite extensively with very good results, new areas are applying every year for it for this reason. 1080 has been proven a selective poison, that is it is much more deadly to coyotes than other animals, by example it would take from 30 to 40 times the dose to kill even a mouse or rat as it takes to kill a coyote and so on. Comparatively it would take approximately 30 lbs. of poisoned meat to kill a cow. These are a few of the facts printed by the chemical companies in a lethal comparison chart. In other words it has little or no effect on other animals or bird life. The second point in favor of 1080 is the recommended amount of sets to cover a territory is one poison bait per township, which lessens the danger as far as dogs etc. are concerned, these sets are all posted and looked after and one mile from any residence.

In short we may summarize the picture and find the coyotes have diminished the sheep and poultry flocks, some farmers have given up trying to raise sheep or poultry, and they have also cut down our hunting heritage by causing closed season on game. And they have given us "Rabies in Alberta".

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TOP ASSISTANT: Inspiration for senior at the college, who has been the successful Penn State grid team named Miss Penn State for the year this fall is pretty Nancy Van Tries, a 1954.

HERE'S WISHING OUR MANY PATRONS AND FRIENDS

Christmas Greetings

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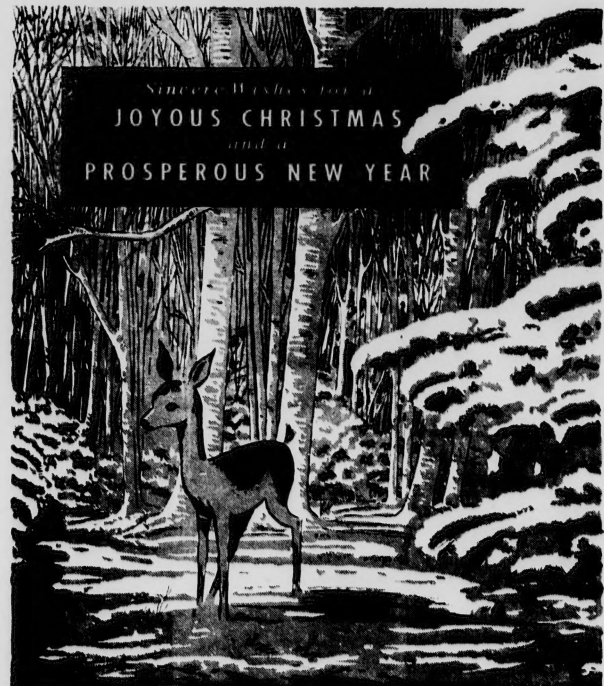
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### It's Christmas Time !!!

It is a little difficult each year to compose a Christmas message that could bring anything new, or anything different to the eyes of our readers. The spirit, the thought and the message as a whole are the same each year; it's only the words, the difference in expression, that change.

Coupled with Christmas and the New Year and the joy of looking forward, there is always a certain wishfulness as we look back over the old year and reflect on all the pleasures and sorrows it has brought up. So as we go over the hours, days and months of 1954 let's go back, pause here and there — and remember.

The journey has been not all sunshine. There have been days of storm and trouble — tears, life shadowed by personal grief. Moments clouded by the departure of a loved one.

Above all things, one fact is clear. Whether it be in the home "a rich man" or "a poor man, life must go on. It never stands still. Grief brings us face to face with reality, but reality is not always harsh. It helps us to see life as it really is. It renews our faith and inspires us to a greater endeavor.

The longest journey, however straight and monotonous the way, brings its surprise. So it was with the days of the year that are slipping away. No two were alike.

Though much has changed in the past twelve months, much has endured. The fortitude and unflinching good humor of the people of this land, their kindness and sympathy. Come what may, these things will never perish.

With these thoughts in mind, we now take this opportunity of wishing all our friends, readers, business associates and our faithful correspondents a very Happy and Bright Christmas and the best of everything for the New Year.

### Christmas Greetings

May the Christmas bells ring in a most happy season — May the Christmas bells ring with all the happiness that you so richly deserve, is our Christmas wish to the people of the community.

May the true spirit of the Yuletide linger on through every day of the coming year as a reward for your faithfulness and kindness.

### McDonald's Men's Wear

McDonald Agencies

### Compliments of the Season

Not because of custom long established of extending greetings at the holiday season, but because of our sincerity and our appreciation of your friendships and loyal patronage, we are prompted by the spirit of the season to wish you a good old fashioned Merry Christmas.

It has been our good fortune to do business with the finest folks on earth and the Spirit of the Season brings renewed appreciation of old associations and the value of new friends. Here we wish you the most joyous Christmas you may have and that the New Year will bring you and yours the fullest measure of happiness and prosperity.

CLOSED DEC. 25, 26, 27 and JAN. 1 and 2

The Bright Spot

### Through The Study Window

By REV. C. C. ARMSTRONG

Coloured lights, decorate trees and busy people all testify to the advent season of our Lord. Christmas music, the well-beloved carols, the familiar yet ever-inspiring anthems, all unite to swell the harmonious chorus. Weaving is overcome by wonder, and plodding reason responds to the deeper urging of faith. Christmas is here.

There are those unfortunate souls who say "Christmas is for children." Unfortunate, I repeat, because for them it is something that they do by way of special gifts, cooking and such like to give children a good time. Then Christmas being safely over for another year, they retire, fortified with aspirin or some other form of pick-me-up, to recuperate from the excesses of the season.

How it goes true that "Gee, lies about us in our infancy, and with advancing years there comes the light of common day rather than the first wondrous dawning so eagerly awaited in our childhood. And the wretched people, being filled at times with a sense of their own importance, and stiff-jointed with the hardening of custom, can scarcely bend down sufficiently to enter the humble doorway of the Holy Place where Christ is born.

Yes, Christmas is for the children, but for all children of God and of whatever age. No matter what the unforseeing calendar has to say on the subject, Christmas is for all of us, and Simeon and Anna were not alone amongst those who came to worship and give thanks.

Mrs. Armstrong, who is chief supervising editor of this column, and the other members of the family, all join with me in wishing you God's blessing at this season. To those of you who have been bereaved, may it bring to your heart-felt need the blessed gift of comfort and hope. To those away from home, may it bring happy memories and stronger ties within the family circle. To those who know the turmoil and ache of heavy hearts, may it give strength and refreshment. For those at war, may it bring peace beyond all understanding. For those out on the hills, keeping watch and faithfully carrying on their duties, may it bring a feeling of taking part in the Divine plan.

"And he who gets to Bethlehem Shall hear the oxen lowing; And if he humbly kneel with them, May hear far trumpets blowing." Louis F. Benson

### CHRISTMAS TREE HAZARDS POINTED OUT BY A.S.C.

The advent of the Christmas season is a time to be on the alert to prevent Christmas tree hazards.

Many serious fires have occurred as a result of people failing to realize the flammable nature of evergreen trees. A little care and caution can reduce the risk and provide safety.

Here are some friendly warnings given by the Alberta Safety Council: Keep the tree moist; check tree lights for possible "shorts"; place the tree as far as possible from radiators or stoves; make certain that the tree is securely fastened.

Officials of the A.S.C. say Christmas trees and decorations are hazards to be watched most carefully this Christmas. They point out that

### Special Services At Lutheran Church

What makes Christmas? To the Christian there can be only one answer, and that is Christ. The trees, the toys and the tinsel, the gifts, the greetings and the spirit of good-fellowship — all these are part of our modern year-end celebration. But these are not the things that make Christmas Christmas.

The heart of Christmas is the announcement of the angel messenger: "Unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord." Christmas is above all else, the birthday of the Son of God. It is the day on which the eternal God sent His eternal Son into the world to carry out the eternal plan of man's redemption.

Christ Himself explained that plan when He said: "God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." That fact, and nothing else, makes Christmas Christmas.

To help you celebrate such a Christmas, Redeemer Lutheran cordially invites you to attend the special Christmas services: the children's Christmas service on Friday, Dec. 24 at 8 p.m.; the Christmas Day service on Saturday, Dec. 25, at 11 a.m., and the Sunday Christmas service on Dec. 26 at 11 a.m.

### T.B. FACTS !!!

Tuberculosis today is uniquely a greater public health economic problem in Canada than all other acute communicable diseases combined. Your Christmas Seal dollars are needed to fight this.

Alberta's mobile chest X-ray clinics, bought with Christmas Seal funds and operated in conjunction with the provincial Department of Health, have already examined over 1,000,000 people.

When a tree is brought into a house, it will immediately begin to dry out. At the end of a week, it will be highly flammable. The safe course is to bring the tree in just as short a time before Christmas as possible, and to remove it as soon as possible after Christmas.

One of the first steps is to cut off the base at a long angle at least one inch above the original cut. Then set the tree in a pan or pail of water and keep it standing in water during the entire period the tree is in the house or hall. See that the water level is always above the cut.

If the tree is fresh and the needles do not fall, it will draw up the water which will keep the tree moist. A tree which has dried out through being cut too early may not begin to take up water again.

Christmas trees have caused far too many tragedies during the festive period. Be on guard this Christmas.

### Holiday Milk Deliveries

No delivery on Saturday, December 25

No delivery on Saturday, January 1

Your co-operation during the past year has been appreciated and we wish to extend to everyone

**A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND PROSPERITY IN THE NEW YEAR**

Geo. Wilkins

### Pleasant Yuletide Thoughts

As the Holiday Season draws near, it is our sincere wish that you have a most pleasant Christmas and a New Year of prosperity, health and happiness.



### Christmas Greetings

It's nice to look forward to Christmas, And the pleasure of greeting you, too. For it's really a wonderful feeling Just to say MERRY CHRISTMAS and HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU!

### DIDSBURY VARIETY STORE

Phone 122

Didsbury

### Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year

We wish to thank our many patrons for their past business and it is our desire that we may serve you again in the coming year.

### Neapolis Co-op. Service Station

YOUR IMPERIAL OIL AGENT

Harvey G. Neufeld, manager

Phone RS20, RR2, Didsbury Alberta



To our customers and friends

we extend best wishes for a

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year



THE ROYAL BANK OF CANADA

Remember-  
YOUR  
Christmas  
Seal  
Contribution  
is  
Important!

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T.B.









Gen. Francisco Franco, right, is seen fleet off Valencia. Hosts aboard pier and Vice-Admiral Thomas S. Combs, commander of the Mediterranean fleet, are seen in naval togs to watch the U.S. carrier Coral Sea and Harry Sears, left, skipper of the carrier USS Intrepid.

### A Very Merry Christmas And a Happy New Year

We are sending you our best wishes for a Happy Holiday Season... not because it is the customary thing to do... but because it is a sentiment genuinely felt. And in this message of cheer, may we include our appreciation of your goodwill.

DELLA KEN MELVYN HOWARD

## HALLIDA Y'S CASH GROCERY

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### The Season's Greetings

WE, THE DIDSBURY BAKERY wish to thank each and every one for the many ways they have shown their appreciation of our products. Thanks a million folks, and a Very Merry Christmas with a bigger and better New Year to you.

### Didsbury Bakery



AN OLD-OLD WISH —

## A Very Merry Christmas

— AND A —

## Happy New Year

May peace and good cheer sit at your fireside at Christmas! May your loved ones surround you and your home and heart be graced with the deep happiness of Christmastide — the most joyous time of the year.



## Rosebud Hotel and Staff

### Melvin W.I. December Meeting

Melvin W.I. held its December meeting at the home of Mrs. E. Dupont, with 15 members and one visitor present. Roll call provided many original ways of using cranberries.

Mrs. H. Fischer read of Christmas customs in different lands and Mrs. J. Kershaw read a touching story of Christmas giving.

It was decided to send four boxes of Jap oranges to the Wood's Christian Home and \$5.00 to the Salvation Army.

Names were drawn for "Secret Sisters." A box of Christmas cards donated by Mrs. V. Shields and another silver spoon were raffled. Mrs. E. Phillips and Mrs. H. Fischer were the winners.

The election of officers resulted as follows: Mrs. V. Shields, president; Mrs. E. Phillips, 1st vice-president; Mrs. L. Chandler, 2nd vice-president; Mrs. E. Dupont, Jr., secretary.

The January meeting will be at the home of Mrs. E. Phillips and everyone is to bring ideas for the 1954 yearly W.I. program. Also please bring pencils and paper for outlining the year's work.

After the close of the business meeting Christmas gifts were exchanged and a delicious lunch served by the hostess.

**CHRISTMAS SEALS PAY OFF**... One of the greatest achievements of the 20th century can be the eradication of tuberculosis in Canada, according to Dr. O. R. Davison, director, Tuberculosis Division, Alberta Department of Health.

### CHURCH NOTICES

**MOUNTAIN VIEW UNITED MISSIONARY CHURCH**  
Rev. A. Frey, Pastor  
11:30 a.m.—Morning Worship.  
10:30 a.m.—Sunday School.  
8:30 p.m.—Evening Services.  
Youth Fellowship services held in the evening of the first and third Sunday of the month.

**Fallen Timber Forestry Church**  
Fallen Timber School  
Rev. R. and Rev. C. Moore  
Co-Pastors  
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship.  
12:00 noon—Sunday School.  
Come and bring your friends.

**EVANGELICAL CHURCH**  
Rev. A. J. Grams, Pastor  
**SUNDAY SERVICES:**  
10:30 a.m.—Worship Service.  
11:30 a.m.—Sunday School.  
2:00 p.m.—Sunday school followed by Worship Service.  
Wednesday Evening, 8:00 p.m.—Bible Study and Prayer Meeting.  
Thursday Evening, 8:00 p.m.—Choir Practice.  
The pastor and congregation extend a cordial invitation to everyone to worship with us. "Come and we will do thee good."

**REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
"The Church of the Lutheran Hour"  
Rev. E. B. FOX, Pastor  
Divine Services every Sunday at 10:30 a.m., followed by Sunday School and Adult Bible Class. The warm welcome.

**UNITED MISSIONARY CHURCH**  
Rev. Ray Shantz, Pastor  
Sunday School, 10:30 a.m.  
Fellowship, 11:30 a.m.  
Sunday evening service, 7:30 p.m.  
Wednesday evening prayer meeting at 8 p.m.

**ANGELICAN MISSION OF OLDS**  
**SUNDAY SERVICES**  
Sunday School, 11 a.m. every Sunday.  
Second Sunday in the month: 7:30 p.m.—Didsbury.  
Fourth Sunday in the month: 11:45 a.m.—Didsbury.

**MORAVIAN BROTHERLY CHURCH**  
Rev. W. F. Kroming, Pastor  
Sunday School — 11:00 a.m.  
Morning Worship — 11:45 a.m.  
Evening service — 8:00 p.m.

**UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA**  
Rev. C. C. Armstrong, B.A., B.D.  
Zella, 1st and 3rd Sunday 10:00 a.m.  
Westerdale (2nd and 4th Sunday) 10:00 a.m.  
Knox Sunday School — 11:00 a.m.  
Westcott — 11:30 a.m.  
Knox Evening Worship 7:45 p.m.

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Then if we weigh the cost, the humble coyote as he has been called, has become a fiend, and a robber. Is it cruel to poison a coyote? Far more cruel to let them die of rabies, known as the most horrible of deaths.

If you are a naturalist, a lover of all nature man, a sportsman, or a farmer, the coyote is taking from you the finest of nature and the profit on many farms.

Let us pull for more and better predator control both here in our own districts as well as in our forest areas. Bring it up at your various local clubs or associations and let's protect our wild life and property.

Elmer Kure

## JENKINS GROCERIA LTD.

### The Season's Greetings

As the holiday season comes to a close we are reminded that this successful year is due in no small measure to your generous patronage. Kindly accept our good wishes for a MERRY CHRISTMAS and A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

## RAVENHOLM

ABERDEEN ANGUS BULLS AND FEMALES

All Animals T.B. and Bangs Tested

### GREETINGS...

At this Christmas Season we extend greetings to our friends everywhere and especially to those who purchased animals from the Raven-Ho Stock Farm.

R. M. SPOONER

HARMATTAN, ALTA.

With BEST WISHES for the coming year.  
Your ALBERTA PACIFIC AGENT.

**ALBERTA PACIFIC**  
GRAIN COMPANY LIMITED  
CALGARY, ALBERTA



As Christmas and the New Year come again, may they find you and keep you rich in happiness.

WE WISH YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS  
AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

### Hi-Way Service Station

### Christmas Greetings

As the Holiday Season draws near, it is our sincere wish that you have a most pleasant Christmas and a New Year of prosperity, health and happiness.

### Jay Tuggle

### A Very Merry Christmas

Christmas seems to renew our obligation of gratitude to the community which we so gladly serve. We are grateful for the patronage you have given us in the months past and we pledge anew to serve you faithfully in the future.

### J. F. Stevens

### Compliments of the Season

We earnestly wish that all of the excitement, enjoyment and good fellowship of the Yuletide continue to be yours long after the Holiday Season has passed.

### Ivan Weber

YOUR IMPERIAL OIL AGENT



## Be It White Or Green

FOR CHRISTMAS

Our wishes for YOU are the same. Just a Merry Christmas with all the kindly thoughts of the season and may the New Year bring you and yours a goodly share of Health, Happiness and Prosperity.

JESSIE BLAIN JOHN FOLKMANN  
LINDSAY, JACK and BILL McFARQUHAR

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### The Season's Greetings

IN THE SPIRIT OF THE HOLIDAYS

WITH ALL ITS SPARKLING CHEER,

A MERRY, MERRY CHRISTMAS,

AND A VERY HAPPY YEAR!

## Nundahl's Jewellery

DIDSBURY — ALBERTA

## CORDIAL WISHES

The Yuletide Season brings with it pleasant thoughts—tried, proven and cherished throughout the past. It makes us realize that friendly associations with our fellow men are invaluable in both public and private life and are above things material. It is significant of the season, then, that we pause to say Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. And for your friendship we are truly grateful.

STAN — JAKE — ALTON  
PHYLLIS. — HAROLD

## HAROLD E. OKE

Your Machine Man...

PHONE 10

DIDSBURY

### MANY THANKS

TO OUR MEMBERS AND PATRONS  
For their support and Co-operation during the past year. We would also like to extend our best wishes for a

VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS

— AND A —

HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR

### Neapolis Consumer's Co-operative Association Ltd.

JOHN HOLUB—Manager

## CAMPBELL'S FOOD STORE

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"THE COMPLETE FOOD CENTRE"

RAY and BETH CAMPBELL

## Christmas Joy

It is with genuine appreciation, from the bottom of our hearts, that we wish you at this time cordial Christmas Greetings.

BETH and RAY CAMPBELL  
EDNA WOUTERS BEVERLEY JANZEN  
LORETTA REIFFENSTEIN  
BOB HALL ALFRED JANS

## DISTRICT NEWS

### M.V.B.C. NEWS

(From Our Own Correspondent)

Sincere Christmas Greetings to all the friends of M.V.B.C.

The Christmas party at the College was one of the best we have had. Earl Reimer, chairman of the social committee was master of ceremonies and did an excellent job. After a very good introductory game, Mr. Waldin presented a play which he himself wrote. His class in speech presented the play in two acts, and it portrayed the true Christmas spirit. A splendid lunch followed the program.

Mr. and Mrs. Walsh of Madden entertained Miss Walsh, Mrs. Suder and Miss Eby for dinner Saturday evening of last week. Mrs. Havens accompanied them back to the College and remained a guest of the College for a couple of days.

Mr. Widmark has been very busy with church work during the past number of days. On Sunday evening at the Christmas concert in the church he presented the Hallelujah Chorus by the choir. It was most commendable and shows what can be done when every one works and plans. He is doing a splendid job with the young people of the church as well as in the College.

The Didsbury Choral Society will meet again the evening of January 3. We are looking for a good increase in numbers. Be sure to join for the selections studied this winter will meet with your approval and interest. Already those who have been attending have a good working knowledge of at least five selections. Remember, January 3, at 8 p.m.

On Monday evening the Didsbury Choral Society, augmented by the church choir, were carolling. After the evening of good singing, they met in the College dining room for hot dogs, doughnuts and coffee. Mr. Lusk led the group in their singing.

President and Mrs. Taylor will be spending their Christmas with Mrs. Taylor's mother in Edmonton. Miss Eby will accompany them as far as Red Deer, where she will spend several days with President and Mrs. Arnold Arhart of C.M.C. and her sister, Mrs. Anne Arhart. Mrs. Suder will go to Edmonton on Thursday to spend the vacation with her brother near that city. Mr. Widmark is planned to be with the pastor of the U.M. church on Christmas day.

Mr. Wayne Kagey is back from hospital in Calgary. He had to undergo surgery on both upper and lower jaw, but in spite of a swollen face he is entering into his studies again with courage. It will be some weeks before he can again eat properly. We are glad that he is back along with the others who suffered in the accident.

There will be no column from M.V.B.C. next week, but until we again around the news and good paper, The Pioneer, may I say again, "Merry Christmas and God bless you this joyful season."

### Notes From D.A.

By HOWARD J. FULCHER

Ventilation of barns is very important. The dampness which is associated with the lack of ventilation is a primary cause of sickness and loss among livestock during the winter months. There are two methods of ventilation, these being natural and mechanical with each method having various modifications.

In the natural or gravity ventilation system, the air may be removed from the barn at floor level with fresh air brought in near ceiling level, or the fresh air may be brought in at floor level and removed from near ceiling levels. In both cases the main reason for lack of ventilation is too small outlet flues, or they may be placed too near doors which are often opened. The outlet flues must be big enough to draw off warm, damp air before condensation of moisture on the walk takes place. For example, if the barn height is 25 feet and there are 20 cows, then 720 square inches of flue area is needed. Also, this outlet flue should be insulated and smoothly lined to prevent formation of frost which stops the free movement of air. Inlet area should be about three-quarters that of the outlets.

In the mechanical system, a fan is installed, preferably on the leeward side of the barn. It may be thermostatically controlled or manually controlled or a combination of both. This fan system

### FALLEN TIMBER

(From Our Own Correspondent)

The school concert is to be held Dec. 23, Thursday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Poirier of Carstairs were visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. McGaffin Friday.

Mr. E. Morrison was a visitor at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Howton Thursday.

A shower was held at the school Dec. 19th for Mr. and Mrs. P. McKillop. The latter is the former Francis Webb of this district.

A wedding dance was held Friday evening in the school for Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Berscht.

The sympathy of the district is extended to Mr. and Mrs. D. Young of Granum on the loss of their son, Mrs. Doreen McMullen and son Robert were visitors at the home of Mrs. C. Hayes recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe McGaffin entertained many of their friends and relatives Sunday Dec. 19 and were the recipients of many lovely gifts. It was their 25th wedding anniversary. A buffet luncheon was served.

At the time of writing it seems more like summer than Christmas and aren't we enjoying it. However, possibly by the time this is in print it may have turned to winter with a vengeance. In any case your correspondent wishes you and yours the very merriest Christmas and a fine New Year, in which you "may never murmur" cause and never have cause to murmur.

### HIGHWAY STALKED BY DEATH IN DECEMBER

During a month which most Canadians look forward to as one for celebrations, gaiety and goodwill, thousands of people lose their lives or suffer serious injuries. And most of these accidents are unnecessary, caused not by ice, snow or mechanical failures, but many by human weakness, particularly the tendency to over-celebrate.

The remedy is as simple, as the cause. If you drink, don't drive. If you drink at all, just to be safe drink a cup of strong coffee as your "one for the road." Coffee has a sobering effect. It is no cure for drunkenness, but it will help the social drinkers with just one or two under his belt. It has helped thousands of drivers get home safely in the past and it will help thousands more during this holiday season.

The "one for the road" campaign has in a few years established a good safety record. Last year December accidental deaths were fewer than 1952. Some cities reported the first fatality-free holiday month on record. Heads of safety bureaus, automobile clubs and others attributed at least some of this saving to the campaign to make coffee the "one for the road."

Hosts and guests alike are urged this year to co-operate in reducing the death toll, hosts, by providing coffee as "one for the road" and by making sure that party guests who are in no condition to drive don't get behind the wheel.

Hereditry Little Johnny brought home his report card and with it was a note from the teacher. "Dear Mrs. Blank," said the note, "Johnny is a bright boy but he spends all his time with the girls. I'm trying to think up some way to cure him."

The mother studied the note, then wrote the teacher as follows: "Dear Miss Scruff: If you find some way to cure him, please let me know. I'm having the same trouble with his father!"

gives positive control of the out ventilating rate. Inlets may be from the left or from the ceiling or near the floor levels. A slot one inch in width is cut along the outer edge of the ceiling, and a point 10 feet each side of the fan. The mechanical systems have a great advantage over the natural air movement systems due to the having control of the rate of vent.

Any ventilation systems' satisfactory operation depends much on the construction of the barn. To be completely satisfactory, the barn must be well insulated.

### Christmas Greetings

May Christmas bring joy, peace and contentment;  
And may the New Year be one filled with health and prosperity.

Your associations have made the past year happy for us and we trust these friendships will continue for many years to come.

### Sunrise Coffee Shop

MR. and MRS. K. WAUGH

### A Very Merry Christmas

We take genuine pleasure in laying aside the routine of business to send to our many friends the heartiest wishes for the Holiday Season.

## KAUFMAN & JENKINS

Phone 22 — After 6 p.m. Phone 234, 235

## RED & WHITE

C. M. CARTER

PHONE 39

We take this opportunity to extend to our patrons and friends everywhere our sincerest wishes for a happy Holiday Season. At the same time we wish to thank our many patrons for the opportunities we have had to be of service to them in 1954.

WILMA LUFT — JOAN CAITHNESS  
GUY BURKE — C. M. CARTER

### A Very Merry Christmas

The approach of yet another Christmas brings us an opportunity which each year, we welcome gratefully. It is our chance to set aside matters of business for a few moments to thank our customers for their faithful patronage and friendship.

Your confidence in our store is a source of great pride to us and to make sure that this confidence is not misplaced will be our primary interest in the year to come.

This is our pledge to you — and with it go our sincere good wishes for a Happy Christmas and a New Year of prosperity and contentment.

MILDRED and Wm. BLORE

## BLORES' JEWELLERY

### CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

Even as the bonds of friendship are strengthened at this Yuletide Season, so may our business associations grow in mutual accord and confidence. Your complete happiness is our wish.

FRED ORR — LORVERNE NEUFELD — BOB ORR

## KIRBY'S MEAT MARKET

PHONE 127 — DIDSBURY

### Pleasant Yuletide Thoughts

May all the joys of a glorious Christmas and a Happy New Year be the good fortune of our many friends and patrons.

## REIBER BROTHERS

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Buy Christmas Seals



IT'S CHRISTMAS TIME !!!

Through the land there is a rising tide of faith, tolerance and understanding.

May our faith in Him bring about a lasting Peace On Earth and Goodwill Toward All Men.

WE WISH YOU A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS

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## Folkmann's Clothing

PHONE 124 — DIDSBURY

### Merry Xmas and Happy New Year

As we stop in the midst of the season of good cheer our hearts grow tender as we carry back in thought to the reality of Christmas Day, and what it means. In sincerity, we wish you a delightful holiday season.

### Christmas Greetings

At this Christmastide may we rededicate ourselves to a greater, fuller service to our community to help enrich our own lives and those with which we come in contact.

Mountain View Co-Operative  
Livestock Marketing Association

Local Agent: R. E. GILLRIE

### Christmas Greetings

Christmas seems to renew our obligation of gratitude to the community which we so gladly serve. We are grateful for the patronage you have given us in the months past and we pledge anew to serve you faithfully in the future.

Herb. Sinclair

### Compliments of the Season AT THIS FESTIVE SEASON —

May we express to you our appreciation of the cordial relations between us and extend best wishes for

A HAPPY CHRISTMAS

— and a —

BOUNTFUL NEW YEAR

## Law's Drug Store

The REXALL Store

PHONE 40 — DIDSBURY, ALBERTA

### Little Items of Local Interest

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Moir, Mr. and Mrs. J. Gillrie of Red Deer, will be Christmas guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. Gillrie.

Mr. and Mrs. George Thring and Mrs. E. J. Fleming leave Friday for Coronation to spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Thring. Mrs. Fleming will remain for a few weeks to visit with friends at Consort.

Mr. and Mrs. Ken Gillrie leave Friday to spend Christmas with the latter's mother, Mrs. N. McKenzie at Medicine Hat.

There will be service at St. Cyprian's Anglican Church on Christmas Eve at 9:30 p.m.

Mr. Cameron Wordie arrived home Friday from the University of Alberta, to spend the holiday season with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Wordie.

Miss Florence Gilson, nurse in training at the University hospital, Edmonton, arrived home Tuesday night to spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sid Gilson.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Ross of Mannville, Mrs. Elizabeth Watkin and family of Drumheller, will be Christmas visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Watkin.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Nichol and family of Calgary will be Christmas guests at the home of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. Nichol.

Miss Evelyn Kaufman of Calgary will be a Christmas guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. P. Kaufman.

Mr. and Mrs. Alf Allan will spend Christmas in Calgary with the latter's sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ian McKinnon.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Banta of Calgary will be holiday guests of their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Shannon.

Mr. Murray Kendrick of Regina will arrive home for the holiday season on Friday. Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Kendrick and Murray will be holiday guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. Dawkins in Calgary.

We understand that all elevators in Didsbury will be closed between Christmas and New Year's.

There will be no matinee on Christmas Day at the Didsbury Opera Theatre. However, there will be a show in the evening as usual.

Miss L. Daley of the school division staff left over the weekend to spend a holiday in Ottawa and Cleveland.

### Thoughts on Christmas

God did not put Christ on this Earth to inaugurate the "Merry Season" of the year. Rather, He came to preach peace and happiness among human beings. Christ lived among men that they might be redeemed from sin—that they might find the meaning of faith in the Almighty, even though outward events tempt strong men to despair. Life is designed for a definite purpose. It is a journey towards a definite goal—the Kingdom of God.

The heralding angels who sang their glad chorus above the Judean hills looked down upon a world in which life had been reduced to a nightmare. Slavery, superstition, cruelty, vanity and racial rivalry had debauched it thoroughly. Human sympathy had subsided to a low ebb but the entrance of Christ into the world has been revolutionary in its effect—men had a new experience based on faith in God through Jesus Christ. There is a very grave danger that the real meaning of Christmas may be lost in the cellophane and tissue paper. Gifts are beautiful things, of course, and are expressions of deep wishes and affection, but even such tokens are capable of concealing the basic significance of this Holy Season. Neither calendars, lights, greetings, nor gifts are capable of producing Christmas—only hearts ready to receive the spirit of Christ will ever know the joy of this Holy Season.

As we experience the Christmas and Festive season, can we not turn our thoughts towards these truths? Surely in our domestic and business life there is room to practice the spirit of Christmas throughout the year.

—F.J.B.

### Coming Events

Free show for the kiddies at the Didsbury Opera Theatre on Friday, Dec. 24, 2 p.m., "Painted Hills."

A dance will be held at Rugby hall on Friday, January 7th. Krebs orchestra.

There will be a New Year's dance in Melvin hall Dec. 31: Fisher's orchestra.

Dance to the music of Vance Capron and his Calgary band, on Friday, Jan. 21, at Melvin hall.

The Rugby Recreational Society will hold its annual meeting at the hall on Wednesday, Jan. 5 at 8:30 p.m. Open to the public. You are asked to attend.

### Carnival Prizes All Claimed

All prizes have been claimed for the Didsbury Shopping Carnival, which concluded on December 11, have been claimed. The lucky winners were:

1. Mrs. M. K. Stiles, TV Set.
2. Mrs. M. Dippel, TV chair.
3. Lloyd Snyder, lamp.
4. W. Weidner, blanket.
5. P. E. Neubauer, tea kettle.
6. H. H. Peters, electric iron.
7. Cliff Murphy, camera.
8. A. L. Hogg, electric clock.
9. Jessie Blain, kitchen stool.
10. Mrs. Hazel Todd, steak knives.

### MRS. ROBERTSON HOSTESS TO WESTCOTT W.A.

Thirteen members and one visitor met at Mrs. Jack Robertson's on Wednesday, Dec. 15, for the December meeting of the Westcott United Church W.A.

A card, signed by all the members, was sent to Mrs. C. Armstrong, who is ill in the Didsbury hospital.

Members voted that the present slate of officers retain their positions for the next year, and from now on an election will be held every two years. Officers are: Mrs. P. Hoesgood, president; Mrs. R. McNaughton, vice-president; Mrs. Cliff Eckstrand, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. G. Youngs, reporter; Mrs. J. Robertson and Mrs. R. McNaughton, manse committee; Mrs. R. Youngs, pianist; Mrs. A. Blain, cemetery committee. Devotional given by Mrs. R. McNaughton and Mrs. P. Hoesgood was the Christmas story in song, prayer and readings. Theme: "And the Word Became Flesh and Dwelt Among Us."

Each member brought a small parcel for Mrs. Jennie Hughes and Mrs. Hoesgood Sr. to be made into a Christmas box for each.

### LATE CLASSIFIED

#### THE DOMESTIC ANIMALS ACT (MUNICIPALITIES) SALE AND REDEMPTION OF IMPOUNDED ANIMALS (Sec. 50)

NOTICE is hereby given under Section 50 of The Domestic Animals Act (Municipalities) that one Black Steer, 2 years old, no visible brands, four white feet, white head and white tail, was impounded in the pound kept by Mr. Walter J. Scheidt, located on the NW 16 - 31 - 1 5, on Saturday, the 20th day of November, A.D. 1954, and that the said animal was sold on the 16th day of December, 1954, to P. Ehrhart of Didsbury and that said animal may be redeemed by the owner or on his behalf within a period of thirty days from the publication of this notice in The Alberta Gazette, upon payment of all fees and costs due to the municipality and the purchaser of said animal.

For information apply to the undersigned.

J. RIDDOCH,  
Sec.-Treas. of the Municipality  
Mountain View No. 49  
Didsbury, Alberta.

#### ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCEMENT

The engagement is announced of Annie, Clementine, Dresden, Germany and Edward Befus of Calgary, the marriage to take place January 7th, 1955 at 2:30 p.m. at the Moravian Church, 70 St. N.E., Calgary.

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